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TOPIC **1. Artillery Unit in Stragice, PS Troops in Hostoun and Military Installation in Helysev****2. Troops in Malacky and Induction and Discharge in the Fall of 1954**

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2. In late January 1955, border guard soldiers who were employed in the border area west of Hostoun (N 50/P 61), were relieved from border guard service and replaced by younger men. At that time, detachments of up to 40 men were observed marching toward the interior of the country. Border guard soldiers were constantly quartered in Hostoun Castle, in a three-story building on the central square and in a two-story building opposite the church in Hostoun. The unit included **[REDACTED]** (fmu) who was also in charge of the political control of the coop **[REDACTED]**.
3. In early 1955, a military motor-vehicle repair shop was allegedly located in Helysev (Heleischen, N 50/P 82) where an ammunition depot was previously located.
4. Prior to early November 1954, soldiers who wore red epaulets were observed in the cantonment about 200 meters southeast of the Malacky (P 49/S 82) railroad station. The unit, size of which was estimated at about 500 men, was equipped with RH trucks and Skoda Tudor sedans. An undetermined number of arm **[REDACTED]** vehicles, some towing two-wheeled trailers, was also observed **[REDACTED]**. These vehicles, which had a capacity of about 12 soldiers, had open tops. Light armored track-laying vehicles which had a revolving turret and a short-barreled gun without a muzzle brake were also observed. A former convent in the northwestern sector of Malacky was occupied by about 100 PS soldiers.²

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1. Comment. The exchange of personnel within the border guard troops is annually effected at about this time and has also been mentioned in reports on the German border situation.
2. Comment. A previous report mentioned that the cantonment 200 meters southeast of the Malacky railroad station is occupied by component units of the 9th Inf Div and component units of a tank unit. The latter are possibly component units of the tank SP regiment. Malacky is the station of a battalion of the 11th PS Brig in Bratislava.
3. Comment. The dates of induction and discharge conform to normal standards.

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